(b) There are no major impediments specific to the State of Andhra Pradesh with regard to export of marine products from the State.

(c) The support extended by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in the form of financial and technical assistance is available to shrimp/prawn farmers in various States including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has been undertaking measures for promoting exports of Indian marine products including those from the State of Andhra Pradesh in various markets abroad which include, *inter-alia*, obtaining market intelligence from its Trade Promotion Offices abroad, participating in international fairs including joint participation with the trade in important fairs and operating schemes to upgrade the quality of seafood products in India so as to match expected international standards.

Export in different sectors

3067. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether exports in different sectors have picked up/declined during February-April this year (sector-wise) ;

(b) What is the overall assessment of export performance with respect to different global market and major countries importing Indian goods during the above mentioned period ;

(c) whether Indian exporters are dumping their goods at the I. G. I. Airport due to space problem and are required to pay heavy dumping duties etc.; and

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) As per the latest available provisional disaggregated data from DGCI & S, Calcutta for April-December, 1999-2000 the trend in exports of different sectors are as under :

Sectors	Growth (%)
Plantation	-24.4
Agriculture & allied items	-11.0
Marine products	7.8
Ores & minerals	-1.7
Leather & Manufactures	-8.0
Gems & jewellery	22.1
Chemicals & related products	10.6
Engineering Goods	22.3
Electronic hardware	19.7
Textiles	8.9
Handicrafts	7.8

Export performance with respect to major destinations importing Indian goods during April-December 1999-2000 are as follows :—

(Exports $ million)

	April-Dec. 98	April-Dec. 99	Export growth %
West Europe	6884	7383	7.3
	(28.3)	(26.9)	
Asia & Oceania	8804	10034	14.0
	(36.4)	(36.6)	
America	6105	7084	16.0
	(25.1)	(25.8)	
Africa	1591	1445	-9.2
	(6.6)	(5.3)	
East Europe	778	995	27.9
	(3.2)	(3.6)	

(c) and (d) Consequent upon the shortage of upliftment capacity on the part of airlines, there has been a backlog of cargo at Delhi airport. To avoid the hardship to exporters it has been decided to increase the free storage period to seven days from 8th April to 30th April, 2000. Efforts have been made to engage additional chartered flights to alleviate the problems of exporters.

Training to Hindi typists and stenographers

†3068. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of typists and stenographers in his Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who are yet to be trained in Hindi typing and Hindi stenography ;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far ; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Export Promotion Parks in Karnataka

3069. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many Export Promotion Parks are in Karnataka ;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for setting up an Export Promotion Park in Mangalore ;

(c) if so, the steps, if any, taken by Government ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up an Export Promotion Park in Bellary in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) On the basis of proposal received from Government of Karnataka, an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Hoodi, Bangalore has already been sanctioned. The proposal of the State Government for a second EPIP at Mangalore has also been approved in principle.

(d) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.